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GREENWOOD RESIDENT CHARGED WITH DISTRIBUTING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that ROBERT HUNTER, 37, Greenwood, Indiana, was indicted by a federal grand jury sitting in Indianapolis for distributing and possessing child pornography, following an investigation by the Greenwood Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The indictment alleges that HUNTER distributed three images of child pornography on June 8, 2006. Additionally, the indictment alleges that HUNTER possessed in excess of 80 images of child pornography on October 26, 2006. Many of the names of these computer file images had a name indicative of a sexual interest in children. HUNTER also allegedly possessed two videotapes containing child pornography.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Gayle L. Helart, who is prosecuting the case for the government, HUNTER faces a maximum possible prison sentence of 15 years and a maximum possible fine of \$250,000 for the distribution on June 8, 2006. HUNTER faces an additional maximum possible sentence of 10 years for the possession on October 26, 2006. An initial hearing was held today before a U.S. Magistrate Judge Foster in Indianapolis. A detention hearing is scheduled for Friday at 1:00 p.m.

This case is being brought as part of Project Safe Childhood. In February 2006, Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales created Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the United States Attorneys Offices, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit http://www.projectsafechildhood.gov

The indictment is an allegation only, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty at trial or by guilty plea.